

MINUTES OF THE
TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN
2ND TOWN BUDGET MEETING
Monday, June 8, 2015
(7:00 P.M. AT NORTH HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM)

The Town Budget meeting opened at approximately 7:06 P.M. The Town Clerk, J. Stacey Yarbrough, welcomed those present, and introduced herself, and then called the meeting to order.

The Town Clerk gave a brief history of the budget making process.

The Town Clerk advised that the meeting was brought pursuant to chapter VII (7) section 706 of the North Haven Town Charter.

Town Clerk explained the need for the election of a moderator for the meeting, and opened the floor to nominations for the same.

After a single nomination, for Theresa Ranciato -Viele, as the meeting moderator, the Town Clerk submitted the issue to a vote.

The vote in favor of Theresa Ranciato -Viele passed unanimously, with no dissenting votes.

The moderator took the podium, and requested that the Town Clerk read the call of the meeting.

The Town Clerk read the call of the meeting:

“Having received appropriate written notice and warning of the annual town budget meeting and posted same, I hereby convene this annual town budget meeting of the electors, those citizens registered to vote, and citizens qualified to vote at town meetings, being any citizen of the United States eighteen years of age or more who pay taxes to the town on an assessment of property of not less than \$1,000 on the most recent Grand List, for the purpose of discussing the following items:

1. To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to take action regarding the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016; and
2. Pursuant to Section 7 – 7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, to adjourn said town meeting at its conclusion and to submit the question concerning the adoption of a budget for fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 to a vote by paper ballot on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, including the establishment of the exact hours of voting at REFERENDUM, pursuant to C.G.S. Section 7-9b, that voting will take place between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the following North Haven polling place:
 - ALL DISTRICTS: Mildred Wakely Rec. Center, 7 Linsley Street

The aforesaid recommendations will be placed on paper ballots as the following question:

“Shall the Town of North Haven, in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Finance, approve and adopt a budget consisting of \$49,233,032.00 for the Board of Education and \$42,502,197.00 for the Town Government, for a total amount of \$91,735,229.00 for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016?”

Voters approving said question will vote “YES” and those opposing said question will vote “NO”.

Applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS will be available in the Town Clerk’s Office, 18 Church Street, North Haven, CT. Please contact the Town Clerk if you have any questions and/or concerns: 203.239.5321 X 630. Thank you.

The Town Clerk reminded the members of the Town Meeting that the issue of tax due dates, installments, etc. was not part of the current meeting, as those issues had been successfully voted upon at the Annual Town Budget Meeting that took place on May 11, 2015.

The moderator advised those present of procedural history of the meeting, and then asked the Town Clerk to read the first item for consideration:

1. To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to take action regarding the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016; and
2. Pursuant to Section 7 – 7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, to adjourn said town meeting at its conclusion and to submit the question concerning the adoption of a budget for fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 to a vote by paper ballot on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, including the establishment of the exact hours of voting at REFERENDUM, pursuant to C.G.S. Section 7-9b, that voting will take place between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the following North Haven polling place:
 - ALL DISTRICTS: Mildred Wakely Rec. Center, 7 Linsley Street

The aforesaid recommendations will be placed on paper ballots as the following question:

“Shall the Town of North Haven, in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Finance, approve and adopt a budget consisting of \$49,733,032.00 for the Board of Education and \$43,005,189.00 for the Town Government, for a total amount of \$92,738,221.00 for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016?”

The moderator then asked those present for any discussion on the pending items, and explained the ground rules for any such discussion.

First Selectman Michael Freda presented a short overview of the proposed budget. A few members of the audience provided discussion, as relates to their views and opinions as relates to the pending budget. Further, Dr. Cronin gave a brief presentation as to the Board of Education budget.

Discussion followed for approximately an hour, with residents making comments, asking questions and making recommendations as relates to the pending budget.

At approximately 8:40 P.M., Selectperson Sally Buemi made a motion to table the pending items before the Town Meeting.

A recess was called to discuss said motion amongst the Town Clerk, the meeting moderator, and the town attorney, William Ryan.

After a brief recess, Ms. Buemi withdrew her motion.

Discussion then continued for another twenty minutes, approximately, with Mr. Freda, and other residents making comments, asking questions and making recommendations as relates to the pending budget in generally, and Ms. Buemi's motion and subsequent withdrawal, specifically.

The moderator then asked those present for any further discussion on the items of the night's meeting.

No further public discussion was requested.

There being no further business for the town meeting, the moderator declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:25 P.M. She further advised those present that the results of the second budget referendum on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 would be reported by the Town Clerk, along with the minutes of the meeting, as soon as possible.

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**NORTH HAVEN TOWN CLERK,
J. STACEY YARBROUGH
JUNE 9, 2015**